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# Son's of Utah Pioneer's Prepare for Annual Encampment

## PROPOSED ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM

*Submitted by*

HENRY FLORENCE, Encampment Chairman

The activities of the 1960 SUP Encampment will be centered in Salt Lake City, with Pioneer Village as Headquarters. Date: August 5 - 6 - 7.

### Schedule:

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 —

REGISTRATION — Friday, 12:00 to 2:00, at the Administration Building.

FRIDAY, 2:00 to 4:00 — Tour Pioneer Village.

FRIDAY EVENING DINNER — Catered by Distinctive Caterers. Held in the Sunken Gardens, and will feature a western program.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 —

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST — Held in the Sunken Gardens, catered by the Holladay Chapter.

SATURDAY MORNING —

MEN — Business Meeting.

LADIES — Movies at LDS Ward near the Village.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 —

SATURDAY NOON MEAL — At Clark's Cafeteria, 33rd South and State.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — Tour of Salt Lake Valley, including the International Peace Gardens. Bus tour — Lewis Bros. Stages.

PRESIDENT'S BANQUET — Held at the Union Building at the University of Utah.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 —

SUNDAY BREAKFAST — At Clark's Cafeteria.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE — Choir Broadcast at 8:30 a.m. Church Service in Assembly Hall at 9:30. Speaker: Elder LeGrand Richards, Council of the Twelve.

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Sons of Utah Pioneers will enjoy one of their finest encampments this year when they get together on August 5th, 6th and 7th in Salt Lake City. Central headquarters for the encampment will be at the new Sons of Utah Pioneers Administration Building at Pioneer Village.

An excellent three-day program has been arranged according to Henry Florence, program chairman, and activity will be continuous for both the Sons and their partners during the event. An entire motel has been secured for the Sons, complete with swimming pool, and it is hoped that many Salt Lake Sons will take a vacation, get away from home and join the folks from outside of town for a real good time.

Each chapter will be entitled to delegates at the encampment business meeting. One delegate is authorized for each chapter and an additional delegate for each ten members. Each delegate should also have an alternate present. Chapter Presidents should make arrangements now to have their chapter fully represented.

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## EARL HANSEN'S YEAR

"Growth Equal to Our Heritage," was the theme that Earl Hansen chose for his year as President of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, and no one has worked harder than President Earl Hansen to see that "growth" materialize. Earl has traveled to visit with nearly every chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, both in and out of the state, and when you get right down to cases his work and the energy that he has created in others has paid off.

Earl gives much credit for his success this year to Past President Karl B. Hale, who laid the ground work for the program that was pursued this year. Other diligent workers who have done much, according to President Hansen, have been his five Vice Presidents, D. Crawford Houston, Arthur W. Grix, Vasco M. Tanner, I. E. Riddle and John H. Fronk, who have served so willingly this past year. Clarence Reeder, Jesse H. Jameson and T. Mack Woolley have also carried much of the burden of organizing and building. Many, many others in the organization have contributed greatly to the growth we have experienced, reported President Hansen. "My thanks to them is unbounded," he said.

"Let's take a look at some of the activities of the 'Sons' during the past year.

1. Membership — Membership in nearly every chapter has increased since last August, according to Membership Chairman T. Mack Woolley. Three new chapters composed of over 60 new members have been chartered, and a fourth chapter is being readied for charter at the present time. Several chapters that had become inactive have been revived and are swinging into an active and working program. Since membership is the backbone of the organization, it behooves each chapter to have a strong membership program.

2. Pioneer Memorial Theatre — On the call of President David O. McKay the "Sons" undertook the project of raising \$200,000 through the sale of seat plaques for Pioneers, to construct the Pioneer Memorial Theatre on the campus of the State University in Salt Lake. While there is much work yet to be done, the project has been completed to the point that success is insured.

3. The Mormon Battalion — A reactivated and active Mormon Battalion once again is a part of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The 500-man organization, under the leadership of General Fred E. H. Cur-



EARL A. HANSEN

tis has undertaken three important assignments this year. First, is a strong recruiting campaign; second, courses in civil defense are preparing the Battalion to come to the aid of the state in the event of a disaster; third, plans have been laid for the Battalion's participation in the Presidential Inaugural Parade in January of 1961 at Washington, D. C.

4. Area Parties — Successful area parties have been held in most of the areas in SUP.

5. Treks — Thus far, three fine treks have been planned and conducted by the "Sons." One to the Hole in the Rock, one to Hardware Ranch, and one to the Bear River Bird Refuge and Corinne. One more trek is expected to materialize before the year is over.

6. Villages — Under the direction of Horace A. Sorensen, Milton V. Backman and Jesse H. Jameson, the Sons Pioneer Villages at Salt Lake City and Corinne have continued to grow and develop. The George Albert Smith Chapter at Provo has been the backbone of the Pioneer Village there, and other SUP Chapters have undertaken projects of supporting or sponsoring villages and museums throughout the state.

7. Chapter Activities — Chapter activities have increased tremendously during the past year and most important, a unity in the organization has been built that we have never experienced before.

Many things, of course, have not been mentioned, but these accomplishments alone entitle 1959-60, Earl Hansen's year, to be called successful.

## Arthur Grix Wins Prexy Nomination

Members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers will have a double slate of officers to choose from at their annual encampment in Salt Lake City, August 5th, 6th and 7th, it was reported by Karl B. Hale, nomination committee chairman. The committee, which was composed of Karl B. Hale, chairman; William Hurd, Tremontan; Alvin Larsen, Logan; Frank Hikenlooper, Ogden; Clarence Reeder, Jr., Bountiful; Verl Dixon, Provo, and Parson U. Webster, Cedar City, chose the following slate:

For President — Arthur Grix.

1st Vice President — D. Crawford Houston, George A. Parry.

2nd Vice President — Jay G. Cox, M. J. Shaw.

3rd Vice President — George Croft, V. R. Leany.

4th Vice President — John Fronk, Aubrey Turley.

5th Vice President — Henry Florence, Franklin L. McKean.

Life Membership Director, 5-year term — James H. Miller, Dr. Carl J. Christensen.

## Executive Board Announces Intention to Change Articles

The Executive Board will propose the following changes to the Articles of Incorporation at the annual encampment:

1. That the number of Vice Presidents of the National Society be increased from five to seven.

2. That the numbers of 1st, 2nd, etc., in the title of National Vice President be omitted and Vice Presidents be elected from the following areas: Cache area (1), Box Elder area (1), Ogden area (1), Salt Lake area (2), Utah County area (1), Southern Utah area (1).

## Additional Nominee Names

Should the membership act favorably on both, or on the second of the above proposals, the following additional nominees will be presented to the delegates for Vice President:

Ira Hayward — Logan area.

Vern B. Muir — Logan area.

Ernest V. Wall — Ogden area.

Elias Dawson — Ogden area.

It behooves each chapter to register as many members as possible so that they will be able to cast their share of votes at our annual encampment.





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MEMBERS OF THE SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS MORMON BATTALION attending the first school of Civil Defense with a military unit at the National Guard Camp W. G. Williams at Jordan Narrows.

## Mormon Battalion Makes History

There was held March 5th and 6th, 1960, at Camp Williams, Utah County, Utah, the First School of Civil Defense, which embodied the cooperation of the Civil Defense with a military unit. The military unit in this case was the Mormon Battalion of the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers. It was the first school under the new procedure between Major General Max E. Rich and State Director Leonard A. Higgins, coordinating Civil Defense and National Guard facilities. It was also the first basic course in Civil Defense which outlined the law in an emergency, of the control by the State Council of Civil Defense down to county and local level. This course demonstrated operational procedure from the office of Civil Defense Mobilization, to Region 7 at Santa Rosa, California, to the State of Utah, and on to the local political units, demonstrating that existing government agencies must assume the leadership in an all-out attack.

Recently State Director Leonard A. Higgins was elected National Vice President for this region of Civil Defense, that is the National Association of State and Territorial Civil Defense Directors.

Major General Max E. Rich, Chairman of the State Council of Defense, was excuse from attending the exercises, because of pressing business requiring his presence in Washington, D.C.

Major Albert H. Swain, Information Officer; Captain John Spratling, Director of Training of State Civil Defense; Eileen Erickson, Chairman Women's Advisory Committee; Mrs. Irene Parsons, Director of Women's Activities State Staff; and Bob (Robert) Wheyer, Chairman State

Disaster Committee of the Red Cross, were instructors.

An excellent course of training was given to the Battalion members attending. Each one was awarded a certificate of completion of the course. In addition to those members attending, there was issued an Identification Card giving them policing authority on State Level of Civil Defense.

The following members of the Mormon Battalion participated in the course:

Earl Hansen, president SUP; Brig. Gen. Fred E. Curtis, Col. Fred M. Reese, Lt. Col. Elias L. Day, Lt. Col. Wendell R. Jones, Lt. Col. Alvin Keddington, Lt. Col. Marvin E. Smith, Lt. Col. Oliver R. Smith, Lt. Col. Ray L. Alston, Lt. Col. Harold H. Jensen, Maj. Joseph M. Bennion, Maj. Jesse P. Rich, Capt. Oscar M. Hunter and John A. Butterfield.

## NECROLOGY PRESTON M. NEILSON

Preston M. Neilson, 56, president of Skyline Oil Company and member of the Salt Lake Luncheon Club, died April 27th, 1960, after a short illness. Mr. Neilson, a graduate of Utah State University in 1925, received his LLB from George Washington University Law School in 1929. He practiced law after graduation and entered in the investment business with his brother in 1949. They established the Skyline Oil Company, of which he was president until the time of his death.



# Pony Express An Expression of Cooperation and Courage

By **JUDGE SHERRILL HALBERT**  
*Sacramento, California*

Since the dawn of history couriers of the mail have caught the popular fancy, and have ever been noted for their courage and fidelity. Herodotus, the Greek, known as the father of history, produced the motto of our modern mail carriers when he wrote: "Neither snow or rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night, stays these couriers from swift completion of their appointed rounds." When he inscribed those lines twenty-five hundred years ago, Herodotus was writing about the couriers of Xerxes in his own time. Yet, twenty-five centuries have left the truth of what Herodotus had to say unsullied.

Every day, and every year, brings a faithful mail carrier on his rounds, but no generation has produced a carrier who can match those who rode out of, and into, the City of Sacramento between April 4, 1860, and October 26, 1861; they were the Pony Express riders.

The founders of the Pony Express were William H. Russell, Alexander Majors and William B. Waddell, the only owners of the Pony Express as an operating institution. All three were businessmen interested in transportation. Their initial reason for creating the Pony Express was to prove that the central route was superior to the southern, or "Ox-Bow" Route, already occupied by John Butterfield and his Overland Mail Company. Events soon put the integrity and patriotism of Russell, Majors and Waddell to the acid test. So put to the test, they were found not wanting.

In the beginning, the primary purpose of the Pony Express was to try to wrest the transportation of the mail from the Butterfield Overland Mail Company. Before a year had expired the coming of the Civil War resolved this issue. The Butterfield route through the south was closed upon the secession of Texas and Arkansas. Mail from the eastern Union States could then reach California only by sea and over the Isthmus of Panama, or by Pony Express. At this crucial moment, California was thought to be teetering on the edge of secession, and rapid communication with the east was imperative. The Government made many promises to Russell, Majors and Waddell, but a failure to



MEMBERS OF THE NEVADA Pony Express Centennial Association met recently in Reno to officially award a contractor for the installation of Pony Express markers across the entire state. Admiring the sign, 500 of which will go on steel posts across the heart of Nevada, are (l. to r.) Edwin Semenza, Earl Guyon, Jock Taylor, Pete Kelley, Mrs. Clara Beatty and William Harrah. The marking job was expected to be completed by the first of June.

fulfill any of them was the only characteristic uniform to all of them. Everyone believed it essential that the Pony Express be kept in operation; without it, California with its gold, and even Oregon and Washington, might go to the Confederacy. Though it soon became quite clear that the Government was not going to honor its promises, Russell, Majors and Waddell felt that their obligation to their country was too great for them to stop the operation of the Pony Express. They continued until October, 1861, when California was linked with the east by telegraph. This they did at an immediate out-of-pocket loss of over \$200,000, and an ultimate loss of most of their personal fortunes. These are the sterling men who made the Pony Express possible, kept it running without regard to personal sacrifice, and thus assured that California remained in the Union.

Of course, Russell, Majors and Waddell could have done nothing without the gallant men and dependable ponies who

were on the ground moving the mail. I want to tell you just a little about two of the scores of men who were Pony Express riders. First, I will speak of Sam Hamilton, the man who made the first ride out of Sacramento on the morning of April 4, 1860, and brought the first eastern mail back on the afternoon of April 13th. Then I want to tell you a bit about Robert (Pony Bob) Haslam, the greatest rider of them all.

It was a dark, disagreeable night on which Pony Express history was first

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made in Sacramento. It had been raining for two days, the streets were a sea of mud, and reports had come of a blizzard blowing in the mountains. All this boded little good for the first run of the Pony Express. To add to the misfortunes, the steamer *Antelope* was over two hours late as it arrived with the mail from San Francisco at 2:15 a.m., on April 4th. An impatient Sam Hamilton stood on the dock thinking of his good friend, Warren (Boston) Upson, who had the run following him, and would have to carry the mail over the mountains. Sam knew that the success of Upson's ride depended upon his being able to go over the mountains during daylight. In daylight, the chances of getting over the mountains in a blizzard were one out of ten, but at night it would be one out of a thousand. Little wonder that he demanded that the *mochila* be heaved to him before the *Antelope* was even tied up.

Sam grabbed the *mochila* in midair, slipped it over his saddle, and was away. Without fanfare he raced up J Street past the Capitol and Sutter's Fort, and out the Folsom Road. Seven miles out there was a fresh pony. In spite of the rain and the mud, Sam pressed his white mustang to full speed. When the pony began to falter, he blew three loud blasts on his horn, a little known trademark of Pony Express riders. The mustang thus frightened seemed to forget how tired he was, and raced on to the station in record time. Not a moment was wasted there. The *mochila* was flung on the new pony, and in seconds Sam was away for the 15-mile House. At the 15-mile House he mounted a buckskin bronco and dashed away in the darkness for Mormon Tavern at Folsom. The buckskin was almost ready to collapse when they reached the Mormon Tavern. This was a heroic ride. Sam Hamilton had ridden three mustangs twenty miles through rain, mud and darkness in fifty-nine minutes — a good ride on dry ground during the daylight.

From Folsom the run was even more difficult. It was still pitch dark, and the rain was by now coming down in sheets. The route from Folsom to Placerville was up and down steep hills and was treacherous at best. Sam rode as hard as he dared, depending primarily on the instinct of the pony to follow the trail. Three times a pony went down, but Sam jumped clear on each occasion, and fortunately no pony was badly injured. Dawn could not come on such a gloomy day; it simply turned a murky gray as Sam sped into Placerville. From Placerville the trail wound steeply up Hangtown Gulch, with a rise in elevation of 2,000 feet dur-

ing the thirteen miles distance to Sportsman's Hall, the end of Sam's run. Even as daylight came, the weather became worse, and the rain changed to sleet. Ice formed on the trail, and it became as slippery as glass. In spite of the danger, Sam rode hard, for each minute he cut off of his running time might later provide his friend Boston with the minute of daylight that would save his life.

Midway to Sportsman's Hall a relay man waited with a fresh pony. A quarter of a mile from the relay station Sam's played-out mustang slipped, went down, and was unable to rise. Sam fell heavily and ripped his cheek against a boulder, but was up in an instant. He blew four warning blasts on his horn, snatched the *mochila* from his saddle, and ran toward the relay post. Alarmed by the blasts, the relay man rushed to meet Sam and provided him with his new pony. Within three minutes Sam was again mounted and riding up the trail.

At 6:18, Sam reached Sportsman's Hall, the end of his run. In four hours and three minutes of rain and sleet-swept darkness he had ridden sixty miles over muddy and treacherous trails, changed ponies eight times, and climbed 4000 feet up into the Sierra Nevada. But of far greater importance to Sam was the fact that he had regained the time lost by the *Antelope* and thus insured his friend, Boston, a better than one in a thousand chance of completing his run. Thus did the epic of the Pony Express begin in the West.

The ride that Boston Upson made on across the mountains was one of the most difficult in all of the history of the Pony Express . . . What space is left I want to use in telling you a bit about that gallant rider, "Pony Bob" Haslam.

Bob Haslam's regular run was from Friday's Station, located about where State Line is now situated, to Fort Churchill, Nevada. But he rode whenever and wherever the danger and the need was the greatest. His greatest ride — possibly the greatest ride in American History — came in March of 1861, when he was called upon to carry the inaugural address of President Abraham Lincoln from Smith's Creek to Fort Churchill.

The importance of the fast delivery of President Lincoln's inaugural address was recognized by all. Russell, Majors and Waddell had made elaborate preparations to speed the address to Sacramento. They had a fresh pony stationed every ten miles along the entire 1966-mile route. As a further insurance for speedy and safe delivery of the address, reliable Bob Haslam was selected to make the ride over the 117-mile trail from Smith's Creek to Fort Churchill. Not only was this a diffi-

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## Celebration Planned for Pony Express Centennial

Pageants, parades, shows and displays will be featured all along the route of the Pony Express during the big Centennial Celebration, beginning July 19th, it was reported by Waddell F. Smith, President of the National Pony Express Centennial Association. Many government officials and celebrities will be present at ceremonies that are planned.

The first major event of the year was the selection of Miss Pony Express to reign over the centennial activities. She was chosen from the eight girls selected as state queens from the Pony Express states. Utah's Queen, Miss Connie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Jones of North Ogden, participated in the title race which was held in conjunction with the Ute Ranger Show-De-O. *SUP News* will have pictures and story of the winner of this contest in the next issue.

Featured event of the celebration will be the re-run of the Pony Express. On July 19th at 6:00 p.m. in Sacramento, California, and 5:00 p.m., in St. Joseph, Missouri, the first riders will mount their horses and begin a 1966-mile re-  
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MISS UTAH PONY EXPRESS, Connie Jones (center), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Jones of North Ogden and her two lovely attendants, Sue Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shirl R. Anderson of Bountiful, and Lynette Larsen, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. G. Calvert Larsen of Ephraim.

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lay planned to arrive at the opposite ends of the Pony Express trail nine days later, July 28th. Over 1,000 horses and riders will be used in this relay and will carry 1,000 letters valued at \$100 each. The Utah section of the run will be under the direction of Lyle A. Larsen of Riverton, a member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the Ute Rangers.

In connection with the re-run, numerous celebrations will be held all along the Pony Express route. Thousands of vacationing Americans are expected to see the re-run and participate in other centennial events along the route.

In addition to the beginning of the re-run on July 19th, St. Joseph, Missouri, will host a Pony Express Banquet with former President Harry S. Truman as guest of honor.

In Kansas, Marysville will welcome the Pony riders with a pageant each evening from July 19th to 22nd and parades and other centennial activities. Other towns in Kansas that will hold celebrations include Seneca, Seabath and Hiawatha. An original Pony Express Station can still be seen at Hanover, Kansas.

Nebraska will feature pageants, parades and programs at Fairbury, Kearney, Mindon, North Platte and Lexington. Gothenburg, in addition to nightly pageants, beard-growing, pioneer clothes and celebrations has put up false pioneer fronts on all of their stores.

The Pony Express just barely touched Colorado at Julesburg, but this will be the very important starting point for a state relay to Colorado Springs. The Pony, leaving St. Joseph, Missouri, on July 19th, will carry a letter from President Eisenhower to the 70,000 Boy Scouts at Colorado Springs. This letter will be taken off the main re-run at Julesburg and carried by a branch line to the Boy Scout Jamboree.

In Wyoming, several celebrations are planned. For Laramie, National Monument will welcome the pony rider with an appropriate program and displays. Secretary of Interior Fred E. Seaton and Conrad L. Wirth, Director of the National Parks Service, and Governor Hickey of Wyoming will all be honored guests. Other celebrations are planned for South Pass, where the ponies will pass. At Fort Bridger, stew will be served to visitors from 800-pound kettles. Casper and Green River are other Wyoming cities included in events.

Our own Utah celebrations will include a gigantic Indian Pow-Wow and Boy Scout program at Ute Stadium in Salt Lake City at 9:30 a.m., July 23rd, when the eastbound pony will arrive. This event is being sponsored by the Sons of Utah Pioneers under the direction of Horace A. Sorensen and will feature over 5,000 participants.

On July 25th the westbound pony will be greeted along the line of march of the Days of '47 parade. This parade

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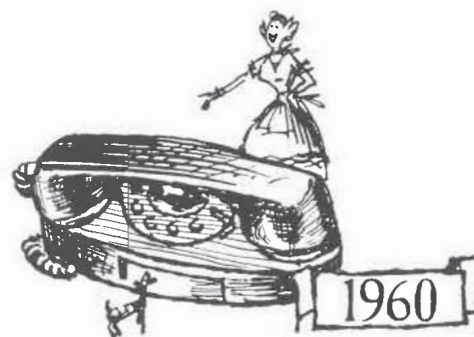
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This is in great part a reprint from the NEA Journal, May 1960, by Dr. Howard R. Driggs, Director at large on the National Pony Express Centennial Association.

A limited number of Pony Carried letters, East and West, are now offered by the National Association Headquarters, 2998 Connor St., Salt Lake, priced at \$100 Each Way.

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News was needed by more than half a million settlers in the West; unification of the Nation facing the Civil War was felt, and the newly found gold of California was needed to finance it, so the mail just had to go through.

The Pony Express was operated by the great freighting firm of Russell, Majors and Waddell, which built 190 stations bought 400 horses and hired eighty pony riders and some station-keepers. The Employees swore on oath of good behavior on a small Bible which was presented to them by the Operators.

At relay stations the horses were changed about every ten miles or more, and at home stations the riders changed about forty miles or more apart. The average time from Missouri to California was ten days.

The riders had to ride day and night. Many times they outran hostile Indians and often faced blinding snows and howling storms.

The Express ran for a little less than eighteen months. It stopped in October 1861 when the east and west telegraph lines met here in Salt Lake City, making it possible to send messages by wire. The firm went broke on the venture.

### Stamps!

A 4¢ Commemorative Pony Express Centennial Stamp will be issued July 19th at Sacramento, California. Also a Commemorative Stamped Envelope will be issued at St. Joseph, Missouri on that same day.

### Medal!

A Commemorative Pony Express Medal by an act of Congress of the U. S. Mint will be sold for \$1.75 at SUP Pioneer Village Museum, 2998 Connor St., Salt Lake City, and elsewhere.



# EXPRESS

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### July 19th Rerun -- 4,000 Miles of it!

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### July 23rd -- Join in welcoming the Eastbound Pony!

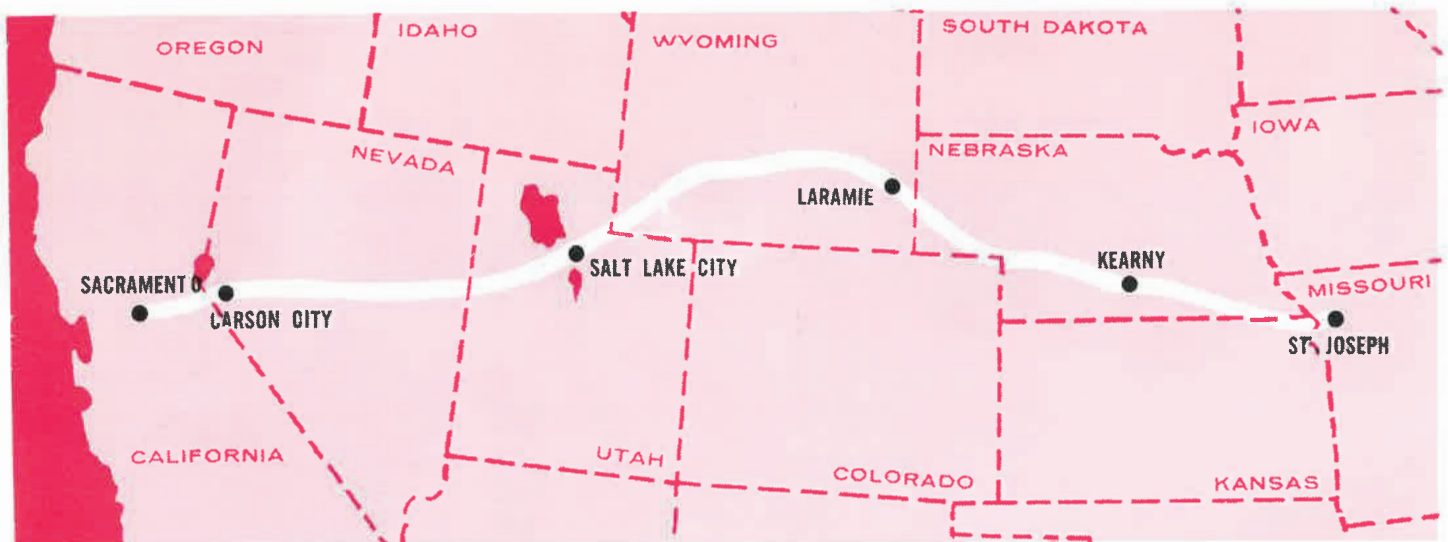
The Pony from the West will arrive in Salt Lake City in the morning. A reception will be held at 9 A.M. in the University of Utah Stadium. Pike's Peak Overland Stage will arrive. The Pony will run to a relay station pursued by Indians that set the station on fire, but away goes the rider eastbound. Then the famous Ki-Ann Interpretive Indian Dancers take over. The Boy Scouts will contribute much to this event honoring their 50th Anniversary. Admission — Adults 50c, Children 25c.

### July 25 -- Be here to welcome the Westbound Pony!

At Days of '47 parade time Monday, 10 o'clock the Pony from the East will arrive and stop briefly on its way west at a replica of a Pony Express Station in front of the Tribune Building where the Monument now marks the location of the original Salt Lake Station. In the evening a Banquet and Indian Show will be held at the SUP Pioneer Village Garden. You are invited—\$3.75 a Plate. Tickets on sale at the SUP Pioneer Village, 2998 Connor St., Salt Lake City, Utah.



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**CELEBRATIONS, From Page 8**

and Ogden's Pioneer Days Parade will both feature the Pony Express. Both parades begin at 10:00 a.m. on July 25th. Other events in Utah include the "All Faces West" pageant in Ogden, July 14th through 17th, the University of Utah production of "Annie Get Your Gun," July 1st to 9th. The Ogden Pioneer Days and the Days of '47 Rodeo, July 19th to 25th. A Pony Express station will be built in downtown Salt Lake City in front of the Tribune building and will feature Pony Express exhibits and information.

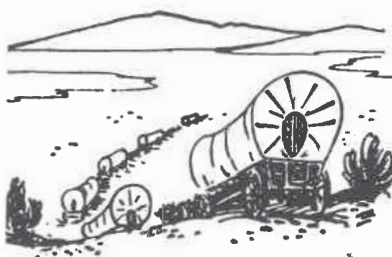
Nevada, which has over 400 miles of Pony Express trail through some mighty rough desert country will feature celebrations at State Line, Lake Tahoe, Carson City and Genoa. Genoa is the oldest city in Nevada and was first settled by Mormon Pioneers from Utah.

California will hold its celebration at Sacramento, where on July 19th the United States Air Force will begin its Pony Express Commemorative Flight to St. Joseph and return in less than six hours' flight time to demonstrate the tremendous advancement in transportation. A luncheon with Postmaster Gen-

eral Arthur Summerfield and Governor Pat Brown as guests of honor will be held at the Ft. Sutter Museum. A parade will lead into the 6:00 p.m. departure of the first pony of the re-run.

The Post Office Department will release a special Pony Express stamp and envelope at Sacramento, California, and St. Joseph, Missouri, on July 19th. In addition to this souvenir, which the Pony Express Centennial Commission is offering, a bronze and silver Pony Express medal is also available through the Pony Express.

National Headquarters for this great centennial have been established at the Sons of Utah Pioneers own Pioneer Village.



UTAH, NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA representatives on the National Pony Express Centennial Association got together in North Platte, Nebr., recently to check arrivals and departures of horses to be sure the three states would operate smoothly during the rerun of the Pony Express between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, slated to start at both terminal points, July 19. Left to right are Lyle A. Larsen, Riverton, Utah, head of that state's operations committee; Bill Harrah of Lake Tahoe and Reno, a director in the national association; Jim Phillips of Sacramento, operations chairman for the national association and Earl Guyton of Reno, Nevada operations chairman.

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**PONY EXPRESS, From Page 6**

cult run, but it was especially hazardous at the time, because of the armed attacks being constantly made by the warring Paiutes.

Pony Bob received the *mochila* with the President's address at Smith's Creek and sped west, making the fastest run ever to Cold Spring. His initial surprise changed to worry when he saw no Indians at Quaking Aspen Bottom, or in either of the mountain passes. This he knew was too good to be true, so at Cold Spring he asked, not for the fastest horse, but for Old Buck, a horse noted for being able to smell an Indian miles away. On Old Buck, Pony Bob dashed away and passed ambush after ambush area. Finally, however, Old Buck pointed his ears forward and snorted. Bob looped the reins around the saddle horn, drew and cocked his two revolvers and rode on. Suddenly there were Indians on all sides. Bob applied the spurs, dropped flat on Old Buck, and they raced on. Indians boiled out of the brush like a swarm of hornets and fired shots, and arrows from every direction. Bob depended on his sturdy mustang to take him through the ambush, and the pony did. This, however, was no ordinary ambush, for he was surrounded by mounted warriors — several on stolen Pony Express ponies. Old Buck could and did outrun the Indian ponies, but not the swift Express ponies. There was only one thing for Bob to do, and he did it. As much as he loved horses, he had no choice

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SUP salutes DR. HOWARD R. DRIGGS, a distinguished Utahn. Dr. Driggs, a native of Pleasant Grove, Utah, has devoted his life to the service of others, through education and community and national service. He served as Professor and Head of the Department of English at New York University until he retired in 1942 as a professor Emeritus. He is currently President of the American Pioneer Trails Association and Director at Large of the National Pony Express Centennial Association. Dr. Driggs is probably best known for his many books on western America.

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## Pioneer Theatre Project Moves Ahead

Descendants of Utah Pioneers are continuing to reserve seats in the Pioneer Memorial Theatre for their ancestors, it was reported to D. Crawford Houston, drive chairman, after a recent meeting with SUP Church and University of Utah officials. While we still have much work ahead of us, all groups concerned with the drive feel confident that we will be able to complete the drive before the dedication of the Theatre in March of 1962.

### *PIONEER GENERAL AUTHORITIES:*

It is of interest to note, said Mr. Houston, that many of the authorities of the LDS Church are not yet included among those who will be seated. We would certainly encourage descendants of those who have not reserved a plaque to make an effort to do so as soon as possible.

It is hoped that the remainder of the Pioneer General Authorities will be memorialized by some member of the SUP or the family descendants through their family associations.

For full information concerning the plaque drive, write to the Sons of Utah Pioneers, 2998 Connor Street, Salt Lake City 9, Utah.

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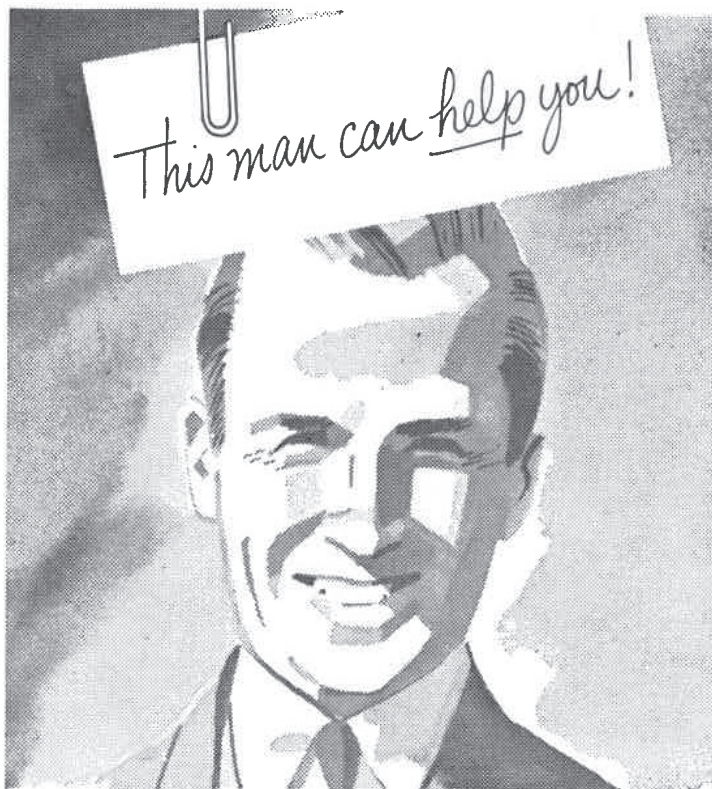
but to shoot the pursuing mustangs as they approached, for the Indians left no sure mark as they hung on the far side of their mounts and shot at Bob under the ponies' neck. One by one the Indian ponies became more cautious and dropped back, but suddenly an arrow struck through to the bone in Bob's left arm. The arm was now useless, and the pain was frightful, but he was still able to clutch the revolver in his hand. Bob put away the revolver held with his good arm, jerked the arrow out, took the revolver from his useless hand, and as he rode through a narrow ravine which required the Indians to fall into single file, he fired three shots into the lead pony. Two Indian ponies went down, but the third escaped.

Bob tossed away the empty revolver, took out the other, and turned once more to fire at the oncoming Indian. As he did so, an arrow tore into his cheek knocking out five teeth and fracturing his jaw. Though stunned with shock, he did not lose consciousness. Regaining composure, he turned again and emptied his gun at the onrushing pony. Bob never knew what really happened, but faithful Old Buck carried him on unmolested to the Middle Gate Relay Station.

He spent a few moments caring for his wounds, but in spite of them, he insisted on finishing his run to Fort Churchill — and he did. In the unbelievable time of eight hours and ten minutes he had ridden 172 miles, fighting off hostile Indians while he was badly wounded, and one arm useless most of the way. Do you wonder that this run has been called Pony Bob Haslam's greatest?

This ride by Pony Bob was a part of the fastest trip made by the Pony Express. The mail was carried from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California, a distance just under 2,000 miles, in seven days and seventeen hours.

Although the Pony Express was short lived, and lost its owners thousands of dollars, it certainly was not a failure. It accomplished the two tasks for which it was inaugurated. It established the feasibility of a central overland route, and it helped to save California for the Union. By saving California for the Union, the courageous and patriotic Russell, Majors and Waddell, the gallant riders, some of whom are known but to God, and yes, even the faithful ponies, secured for themselves a debt of gratitude which the Nation will never be able to fully repay. As they nobly did their arduous task, they embossed on the pages of history a record which will remain there ineradicable for all time.



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## Congratulations to Harmans

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leon W. Harman, local cafe owners and incidentally a supporter of *Sup News*, for presenting the beautiful pioneer mural of the trek to the State of Utah. The Harmans commissioned Artist Lynn Fausett to paint the mural on the walls of the reception center at "This Is the Place Monument." Pres. J. Reuben Clark, Jr., spoke at the dedicatory services. A plan was suggested to rebuild there a pioneer meeting house where films of yesteryears could be shown. The painting is a masterpiece of its kind. (HHJ)

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### JESSE H. JAMESON LEAVES SONS' GROUP

By CLARENCE A. REEDER, JR.

Congenial Jesse Jameson, Associate Director of Railroad Village Museum at Corinne, took leave of the Sons of Utah Pioneers to accept the position of State Historian for the State of Wyoming; his resignation took effect May 31st. Jesse has served as Director at Corinne since the Village was opened.

All of the "Sons" join with those in northern Utah, who knew Jesse best, to express sorrow at his leaving, but wish him well in his new undertaking. Jesse was a diligent, hard-working and sometimes little appreciated strength in the organization. Besides the tremendous task of running Railroad Village, Jesse and his good wife, Johnette, found the time to visit and help the chapters in northern Utah regularly. Jesse traveled throughout the state presenting the slide shows that he created to SUP groups. His willingness to work for the good of the organization was boundless.

We certainly wish him every success in his new venture and will miss him and his family greatly.



### CLARENCE (BUD) REEDER LEAVES POST

The resignation of Clarence A. Reeder, Jr., who most of the "Sons" knew as Bud, was accepted by the Executive Board, effective May 23, 1960. Mr. Reeder resigned to accept a temporary position directing the activities of the Pony Express Centennial. He will return to the University of Utah in the fall to complete his Ph.D. in the field of History. Mr. Reeder has been granted a fellowship by the University to do this.

As Editor of the *SUP News*, it is the task of said Mr. Reeder to write of his own resignation. He does so with no misconception of his position in the organization in the past two years.

"I have had a great privilege these past two years to work with the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The program of the Sons in those two years has been partially mine and I have known the joy of success and the sorrow of failure. I feel confident that the organization is growing and achieving a place of importance in all of the areas where Sons of Utah Pioneers are found. My belief of methods in the Sons' continued growth is the same as some of my fellow Sons and drastically different from others. Growth must be built on solid principles and goals that take years of work to develop. We, as an organization, are young and are just gaining an understanding of our own existence. This existence is of tremendous importance for as has been demonstrated time and again on the pages of history, a nation remains strong and independent only as long as it has an understanding and appreciation of its heritage. This then must be our goal, to preserve our Pioneer Heritage in all of its areas.



T. MACK WOOLLEY . . . National SUP Secretary

### T. MACK WOOLLEY TAKES SECRETARY JOB

Long-time SUP member and first Vice President of the Salt Lake Pioneer Luncheon Club has accepted the position of Executive Secretary on a temporary basis, it was reported by Earl A. Hansen of Logan.

Mr. Woolley has served as chairman of the Membership Committee of SUP since early this year, and in this capacity has spent many hours in the SUP offices. "I can't think of a more qualified person for the job," stated President Hansen.

One of Mack's first tasks will be to complete the registration of SUP members for the year. He reports that there are still several chapters that have not completed their registration of members and he urged them to take care of this as soon as possible.

"If there is one word of emphasis that I might pass on as I leave the post of Executive Secretary, it would be for the Sons to continue to develop in all fields and not narrow or limit itself to any one thing.

"I sincerely hope that the years to come find all of us active and working in the Sons of Utah Pioneers."

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## Dr. Joseph F. Merrill

By RICHARD R. LYMAN  
(Written March 12, 1952)

(Editor's Note: Recently Richard R. Lyman sent the material that appears below to the SUP News for publication. The article is most worthy of publication, but because of its great length must be serialized. In keeping with the dedication of the Joseph F. Merrill Engineering Center at the University of Utah recently, this article on Dr. Merrill's contributions is most timely.)

Few men have been more intimately associated with each other and for a longer time than Joseph F. Merrill and myself. We met first in 1891, 61 years ago, at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He was 22 and I 20 years old. Because he had then been a student there for two years and I was a newcomer, my beloved twin-spirit, took me, as it were, by the hand and led me where I had to go.

Because the Brigham Young Academy, from which I was graduated with the Class of '91, was not then an Accredited School at the University of Michigan, I could only be admitted into that school as a regular student by taking the required entrance examinations. But the regulations said that those over 21 years of age could be admitted as special students.

In those days I think President James B. Angell met and talked with all the students who entered that school. He was a most remarkable college president. It was he who made at Ann Arbor the first really great State University. Into his presence I was led by my Brother Joseph F. and this same Joseph F. has been my guide and leader during all of the 61 years of our intimate association since that time.

"Which department do you desire to enter, what course do you desire to take?" asked the President.

"I wish to enter as a special student," I replied.

"How old are you?" said he.

"Twenty-one, November 23rd," I said.

"Which November?" came the question.

"Next November," I had to say.

"Well, my young friend," said the President, "on the 23rd of next November, but not before, we can admit you as a special student."

Then my youthful leader, Joseph F. led me from building to building, and from room to room where I had to take the entrance examinations. And when this ordeal was over he knew where to go and he took me with him to get the written result of my examinations. I'll not live long enough to forget the looks of that report. I had a passing mark in all other subjects but English Literature. Those letters "N. P.," not passed, following that subject were certainly burned into my

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memory. I could write two others in exactly the same shape and color now.

My leader, Joseph F. took me to Professor Demmon, who was head of the English Department. An angel could not have received me more kindly than did this good Professor. From his pocket he took a letter and on the envelope which he handed to me he wrote a list of books and articles saying: "My boy, go to the library. Find these books and articles. Read them, then come and see me next fall and I think we'll be able to fix this up all right."

I have said many times both in private and in public: "God bless that good man who opened wide the doors to English literature and invited me to step in and enjoy a glorious feast."

At Michigan, Joseph F. Merrill was a mighty powerful young man. He was President of our Church organization, the Ann Arbor Branch. His major work at the University was physics. How proud I was when I followed my leader again in

the study of physics. Famous Professor Carhart never knew that Joseph F. Merrill was a friend of mine when to my great pride he brought before my class in physics repeatedly samples of the excellent work Joseph F. Merrill had done in previous years. And Joseph's next important work was in Chemistry. So excellent was his work in this line that when the Medical School asked the Department of Chemistry to recommend some one to do some especially important work in chemistry, Joseph F. Merrill was recommended and he did this work of important scientific significance to the satisfaction of all concerned. And speaking of his unusual mental capacity, I might add that when he took his final examination in plane and solid geometry he not only knew all the propositions and could give their demonstrations, but he knew them all by their numbers. Match that if you can for native mental keenness.

(To Be Continued)

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## WILLIAM A. DUNN ELECTED TO LEAD S.L. LUNCHEON UNIT

(Special to the *SUP News* by *Salt Lake Luncheon Club Correspondent*)

Jovial William A. (Bill) Dunn succeeded Graham H. Doxey as President of the Salt Lake Luncheon Club of the Sons of Utah Pioneers during the May meeting of the big chapter. Mr. Dunn has long been active in SUP activities and has promised his full efforts for a successful year.

Graham H. Doxey stated that "To be a son is a heritage of exceeding value," as he handed the gavel over to Mr. Dunn. "In this particular context, we are tied to our fathers of the past in their weaknesses and strengths, their adventures and indomitable courage, their struggles and successes, their trust and faith."

Bill descends from Pioneer ancestry, Alexander Wilkins, who arrived in Utah by wagon train in 1852. He was born in Provo, a son of William F. and Hattie Wilkins Dunn. He married Hazel Ellertson of Provo and Mona, on May 9, 1912. They have three sons and one daughter — Billy E., Robert E., and Dale E., all of Salt Lake; their daughter, Mrs. Lawrence J. (Mitzi) McIntosh, lives in Great Falls, Montana. Bill has several grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Bill has always been very much interested in civic affairs, having been a member of several civic groups here in Salt Lake City. He was one of the first men to receive the Silver Beaver in the State of Utah, for outstanding work with the

Boy Scouts of America.

The balance of the officers of the Salt Lake Luncheon Club are as follows:

T. Mack Woolley, First Vice President.  
George W. Fox, Second Vice President.  
William E. Nelson, Third Vice Pres.  
Dennis J. Murphy, Secretary.  
Albert J. Elggren, Treasurer.  
George C. Lloyd, Director.  
J. Frederick Pingree, Director.  
Virgil V. Peterson, Director.

Holdover directors: Charles R. Bird, Lorenzo E. Elggren, Thomas B. Child.

Immediate Past President — Graham H. Doxey.

These officers are all pledged to work hand-in-hand with Pres. Dunn to make the Salt Lake Luncheon Club a bigger and better club and a club for all members to take part in projects. One of the SLIC projects is the Days of '47 celebration held in Salt Lake each year during July. The Days of '47 is a project manned by the combined efforts of the DUP and the SUP Luncheon Club, and we invite all to participate in this year's celebration. The Days of '47 organization is cooperating with the Pony Express Centennial committee to make this one of the biggest and best celebrations ever held in the Intermountain West.

The Salt Lake Luncheon Club of the SUP would like to take this opportunity to wish the rest of the chapters in the National organization the best of success in their projects and we hope to see all of you at the National Encampment at the Administration Building in Salt Lake City, August 5-6-7, 1960.



ARTIST HUGH YANCEY . . . of Los Angeles

## HOLLADAY CHAPTER ENJOYS LADIES' NIGHT

Members of the Holladay Chapter of SUP recently turned the evening's entertainment over to their ladies and what a bang-up time they had.

Sharing honors with the usual banquet were several musical numbers, including the Grandmother's Orchestra of Salt Lake City.

A special attraction was Hugh Yancey of Los Angeles, Calif., who has become world-famous for his quick art. Mr. Yancey painted twenty-two pictures, similar to the one he is shown painting above, and gave them to the guests at the party. Mr. Yancey recently appeared on the Art Linkletter show, where he put on a similar performance.

Henry Florence, Chapter President, reported that the next entertainment for the chapter would be a father's and son's outing. This would be followed by the annual outing at Hale's Oaks.

The chapter, like most other SUP Chapters, is currently engaged in a membership drive. Regular monthly meetings are held on the second Friday of the month.

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## Paradise Chapter Organized

New Sons of Utah Pioneers joined the Paradise Chapter as charter members in recent ceremonies at Paradise, Cache County, Utah. New chapter president is Kendall Curtis, who was presented with the traditional inscribed pen and Chapter Charter. Mr. Curtis pledged his full efforts to the successful operation of the chapter.

Highlighting the evening's entertainment were talks by President Earl A. Hansen and T. Mack Woolley. Other visiting officers included Jesse H. Jameson and Clarence Reeder. The night's activity began with a banquet and singing. Members and their wives joined in the community and religious singing with vigor and volume and things were under way.

Members of the chapter, which has pledged itself to growth and community projects, include: Leo Bankhead, Kendall Curtis, Ellis S. Hansen, Leroy Jackson, Orville L. Lee, George C. Nuhn, Clark J. Obray, Maurice Obray, Ralph H. Obray, Lloyd Olsen, Marion Olsen, Oliver N. Smith, Fred S. Summers, Barnard R. White and Joseph B. White.



PRESIDENT EARL A. HANSEN PRESENTS THE PARADISE CHAPTER CHARTER to President Kendall Curtis in recent charter night ceremonies for the new Cache Valley Chapter.

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